

# FIRST WEST

*Love God and Love Others*



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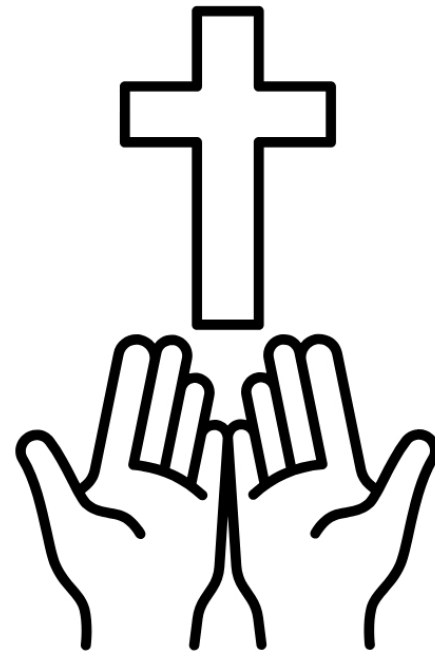
## **A Message from our Minister...**

The key to a strong relationship is consistent communication. A business owner sends advertisements to strengthen their customer base. A teacher hand writes a note to inform a parent on a students' academic performance. A child composes a homemade card with a message of love for a grandparent. A nurse instructs a patient on the importance of following an updated plan of care. A husband compassionately calls his wife each day to convey his concern as she works out of town. A friend graciously consoles and encourages someone in need with words of comfort.

God has created each one of us for a relationship with Him. And even as difficult and hectic and cluttered as our lives become, God consistently communicates with us. God is real. God longs for us to experience Him. Have you seen the Lord our God—have you heard His voice? When we reflect on the brilliance of a shining star or the cadence of a rolling wave touching the shore; when we consider the first breath of a newborn baby or the presence of the rainbow after the storm; when a gentle breeze calms our spirit or crystal-clear water refreshes our soul; when the message of salvation through Jesus Christ is proclaimed or a prayer for healing is uttered from the lips of a child; God smiles—His love for us is real (Continued on page 2).

The 98th Psalm reminds us: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. 2 The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. 3 He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 4 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; 5 make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, 6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn-- shout for joy before the LORD, the King. 7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. 8 Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; 9 let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Stay in touch with God. God loves you. Stop, look and listen—God is consistently communicating with you.



Keep Going for the Lord,

Rev. Jason Elliott

Check out  
our  
upcoming  
events!



**Worship in the Park**  
Come praise God and  
enjoy a potluck feast.  
August 4th at 11am

**HOT ROD**  
*Saturday*



**Hot Rod Saturday 2024**  
Join us for food, fun, and  
celebration!  
August 24th at 2pm

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The youth group enjoyed a fishing trip to Friendship park. The children enjoyed lunch and learning the patience of fishing. The girls pulled ahead with 4 fish to the boys 2 fish.

# HAPPY Father's Day

In the month of June, the youth group provided a Father's day breakfast for all the special men in our lives. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal and fellowship.



VBS 2024, "Start the Party," was a smashing success!

Just under 100 students ages Pre-K through 6th grade sang, danced, worshipped, created, prayed, and played their way through VBS as they learned that Jesus is the life of the party, and He gives us every reason to celebrate! They also made over 100 blessing bags and Peanut butter & Jelly sandwiches for the Friendship Room, upholding the message that we all can be a "party starter!"

We are beyond grateful for our fantastic team of adult and student volunteers who made this unforgettable experience possible for our youth! Thank you to all who participated!



We want to thank everyone who made the Memorial Day Celebration such an outstanding success! It was a true joy to honor our veterans and remember those who gave their life for our freedom in the United States of America. We must continue to pray for our nation and for the men and women in the United States Armed Forces who courageously serve and defend our freedoms. May we "Always Remember" their sacrifices!



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**



FAITH & FAMILY

FRIENDS & FOOD

**2024!**

# Hot Rod Saturday @ II

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**Bill Davis**

**740-497-8817**

**Henry Kellermier**

**740-424-1178**

**First Westminster Presbyterian Cruiser Appreciation Day.**

**235 N. 4th Street Steubenville, OH 43952**

**August 24, 2024 (Rain Date- August 25)**

**2:00-6:00PM**

**All Denominations (Ford, Chevy, Mopar) Welcome!**

**(WORLD FAMOUS) DJ SPIKEMAN**

Our Back to School/Backpack blessing will take place Sunday, Sept. 15th during worship service. We are encouraging all school aged children to bring their book bags to church that day.




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The Presbyterian Women of the Upper Ohio Valley will hold their annual prayer retreat on August 17th at Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center (137 Mt. Saint Joseph Rd., Wheeling, WV) from 9am to 1pm.



Registration will begin at 8:30am. The cost of the retreat is \$15 which covers the cost of the Center along with our lunch. Our theme will be gifts. Come and take some time away in a beautiful sacred space to discover the gifts God has for you.

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Our Fall 2024 New Members Classes are scheduled for October 13, 20 and 27 from 9:30-10:15 before worship in the fellowship hall. The classes will inform new members on the history, mission and ministry of First West. We will enjoy good food (breakfast will be available), great fellowship and lots of opportunities to grow. We look forward to welcoming you and your family—please bring your kids! Please RSVP by calling the church 740-282-4591 before October 6.



Please let us know if you have any questions.





Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 4th for our Worship in the Park & Church Picnic at Aracoma Park, Mingo at the Large Top Shelter House.

Worship will begin at 11:00 am followed by our picnic.

Main dish, corn on the cob and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. Last names beginning A-M please bring a side dish. Last names beginning N-Z please bring a dessert. Bring your pool gear if you'd like to swim. There is plenty of seating but feel free to bring a lawn chair.

Please join us for great food and wonderful fellowship!







# 28TH PRESBYTERIAN OPEN GOLF OUTING



MONDAY AUGUST 5, 2024  
AT SPRING HILLS GOLF CLUB  
EAST SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

**START @ 9:00AM. ALL FOURSOMES  
WELCOMED! REGISTER BY CALLING  
740-282-4591 OR EMAIL  
FIRSTWESTPC@GMAIL.COM**

REGISTRATION  
**\$60**  
PER PERSON



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
IS  
JULY 29TH, 2024**

June–July 2024

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We are so excited to offer a confirmation class for our youth in the church and community. The confirmation class is open for children grades 6 and above. Confirmation classes will teach your child the key tenants of the Christian faith and encourage them to continue to follow Jesus. Some kids were baptized as a baby, and others have not been baptized yet—we welcome all of you to come, learn and have fun as we celebrate our faith.

The confirmation classes will run for three weeks on Sunday afternoons from 3:30–5:00pm: August 11, August 18, and August 25. The youth will work on a personal statement of faith and share their statement with the congregation on September 15 during the worship service and become a member of the church. Youth who want to be baptized can receive the sacrament on that same Sunday. We look forward to having you join us!

Please RSVP if you are interested to the church  
740-282-4591 by August 4.  
If you have any questions, please let us know!

